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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/534,152	Applicant(s) MARKUSSON, PAR	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the following:

- "said"(line 2) should be deleted since it is claim language.
- The abstract is awkwardly worded. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- Numerous phrases in the specification are vague, indefinite, and/or awkwardly and confusingly worded. For example:
 - o "(t)he present . . . position"(page 1, lines 4-10).
 - o "(i)n this . . . position"(page 1, lines 11-14).
 - o "(t)his . . . guide 1"(page 3, lines 5-7).
 - o "(t)his . . . invention"(page 4, lines 10-12).
 - o "(i)n this . . . link 39."(page 6, lines 19-24).
 - o "(t)his . . . ground"(page 7, lines 3-5).
- "discs"(page 1, line 27) should be --disc--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1,3,4,7, and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities:

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- --an-- should be inserted before "inactive"(claim 1, line 8; claim 3, line 3; claim 9, line 7) and "active"(claim 1, line 8; claim 3, line 3; claim 9, line 7).
- "where"(claim 1, line 6) should be changed to --wherein--.
- "the operator"(claim 7, line 7) should be changed to --an operator--.
- Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- The following phrases in the claims lack proper antecedent basis since they were not properly earlier referred to:
 - o "its active position"(claim 1, line 7).
 - o "the cooperating means"(claim 4, lines 9 and 10).
 - o "the end . . . ruler"(claim 9, lines 2-4).
- "said saw chain . . . position"(claim 1, lines 2-5) is awkwardly worded.

Allowable Subject Matter

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6. Claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

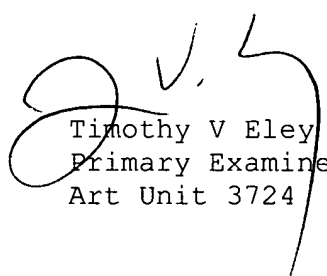
- The cited prior art discloses grinding machines.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy V. Eley whose telephone number is 571-272-4506. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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